

REMARKS

Claims 16-35, 38 and 39 are all the claims pending in the application prior to entry of this Amendment. Claims 24-35, 38 and 39 are allowed. Moreover, claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In order to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicant is rewriting claim 23 into independent form and canceling claims 16-22 without prejudice or disclaimer; thus, claims 23-35, 38 and 39 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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